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With the exception of the attached telegram, SY/TAG has not received any cable traffic on the People's Temple. As the attached telegram shows, People's Temple is neither described nor referred to as a threat. Any information regarding the reported investigation by the U.S. Embassy of alleged abuses by the People's Temple in Guyana was not passed to the Office of Security.

According to the "Washington Post," Congressman Ryan had unsuccessfully attempted to interest the national media in the reportedly violent religious practices of the People's Temple, but the news of the group was limited to the West Coast. People's Temple leader Jim Jones reportedly took his group to Guyana to escape publicity which had been unfavorable to his group in California.

Neither the Threat Analysis Group nor Foreign Operations was informed of Congressman Ryan's trip.

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